Mines leased to National Mineral Development Corporation

*89. SHRI BALAVANT *ALIAS* BAL APTE:
SHRI SHREEGOPAL VYAS:

Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of mines leased to National Mineral Development Corporation (NMDC);

(b) whether some of these mines are due for renewal and the proposal for the lease of fresh mines applied by NMDC is pending with Government;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps taken to clear such mining lease/renewal of applications?

THE MINISTER OF MINES (SHRI SIS RAM OLA): (a) As per information made available by the Indian Burea of Mines (IBM), M/s National Mineral Development Corporation Ltd. (NMDC) holds 14 mining leases for different minerals in different States as on 31.3.2005. In addition, Ministry of Mines has also conveyed prior approval on 13.02.2007 to State Government of Chhattisgarh for the grant of mining lease for iron ore over an area of 413.745 hect. in Bailadila Reserve Forest (Deposit No. 13), Tehsil Da.ntewada, Distt. South Bastar Dantewada, Chhattisgarh in favour of M/s NMDC.

(b) As per the provisions of Section 8 of the Mines and Minerals (Development & Regulation) Act, 1957, the powers for renewal of mining leases are vested in the State Government in respect of all minerals except the "Hydro Carbon Energy Minerals" and "Atomic Minerals" listed in the First Schedule to the said Act. No proposal for grant/renewal of mining lease in favour of M/s NMDC is pending with the Central Government.

(c) and (d) Do not arise in view of the above.

NSSO's report on education

*90. SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA:
SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether national Sample Survey Organisation's report on the status